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Site Inspection, Topaz Mine, Brush Wellman Mine, M/023/003, Juab County, Utah Tom Munson, Reclamation Hydrologist

RE:

September 12, 1996

Date of Inspection:

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Time of Inspection:

Greg Hawkins and Clyde Yates, Brush Wellman; Tom Munson, DOGM

Conditions: Participants:

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